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SUBJECT: REPORTED ARRESTS OF AFRICAN LABOR LEADERS

1. TWO AFRICAN LABOR LEADERS-- ONE IN ETHIOPIA AND ONE IN
ZAIRE, BOTH DEPUTY MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR
ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BODY--HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ARRESTED
IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED
BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF
FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU). THE TWO ARE BEYENE SOLOMON,
PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF ETHIOPIAN LABOR UNIONS
(CELU), AND KIMONGI-DI-MWINSA, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
NATIONAL UNION OF WORKERS OF ZAIRES (UNTZA).

2. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE HERE ONLY ON SOLOMON, A MEMBER
OF THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE BOARD. SOLOMON
HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON LAST YEAR IN APRIL,
ACCORDING TO THE ICFTU'S JOHN VANDERVEKEN. AFTER RECEIVING
NO NEWS FROM SOLOMON FOR A WHILE, THE ICFTU HAS
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LEARNED FROM A HIGH ILO OFFICIAL WHO JUST RETURNED
FROM ADDIS THAT SOLOMON WAS REARRESTED TWO WEEKS AGO.

3. ANOTHER ETHIOPIAN LABOR LEADER, FISSHEHA TEKIE, GENERAL
SECRETARY OF CELU, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN PRISON WITH
SOLOMON, APPARENTLY HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN REARRESTED.

4. THE ICFTU IS SEEKING TO GET MORE INFORMATION
ON THE FATE OF THESE LEADERS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT
IT MIGHT DO TO OBTAIN THEIR RELEASE. THE ICFTU HAS
SOUGHT TO CONTACT DENNIS AKUMU, GENERAL SECRETARY OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY, IN ACCRA
BY PHONE, BUT UNDERSTANDS HE MAY BE CURRENTLY IN THE
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